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The Sussex County Sheriff's Office today announced it will **NOT** hold a Sheriff's Sale in December 2011 as a goodwill gesture during these difficult economic times.

The holidays can be an especially trying time for families facing the prospect of foreclosure. With that in mind, Sussex County Sheriff Jeff Christopher has elected to suspend the next sale until after the New Year.

The suspended sale will also allow office staff time to catch up on the backlog of sales that continue to come into the Sheriff's Office. The staff has worked diligently in recent months to process an unprecedented number of sales, with the goal of shortening the backlog from a seven-month wait earlier this year to an approximate four-month wait today. The Sussex County Sheriff's Office continues to work every day to close that gap even further, thanks to the efforts of our exceptional staff and the understanding of the public we serve.

We thank the public for its patience in these trying times. Any member of the public with questions about the next Sheriff's Sale can contact the Sussex County Sheriff's Office at (302) 855-7830.